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**OROVILLE MAN ADMITS TO DISTRIBUTING
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OVER THE INTERNET**

Sacramento--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that CLINTON PALMER STEWART, 20, of Oroville, pleaded guilty today of distributing visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The defendant entered his guilty plea in Sacramento before United States District Judge David F. Levi.

This case was the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

STEWART admitted that he had downloaded large amounts of child pornography from the Internet and made those images available for download by others around the world using peer-to-peer software programs. As part of his plea, STEWART also admitted to having sexually abused at least two minors previously, an admission that will increase his sentence.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Camil A. Skipper, who is prosecuting the case, the maximum penalty under federal law for distributing child pornography is 20 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. STEWART will be sentenced before Judge Levi on February 7, 2005, at 10:00 A.M.

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